

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fielder Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Creswell Road near Shucks Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Fielder, Jr.

Telephone #: 734-7232

STREET & NUMBER

2208 Creswell Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code
21028**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 478

Folio #: 308

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HA-533

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building has only been slightly altered throughout the years, but neither has it been maintained. It has walls of stucco-covered, uncoursed stone and is three bays by one. This southern-facing dwelling has a stone shed addition on the northern aspect, containing the kitchen. The windows are 6 X 6 and in recent-vintage frames. There are two doors; one on the southern side and the second on the eastern wall of the kitchen. The roof is an asphalt gable-flank, with two gabled dormers overlooking the southern exposure. Concrete slabs have been added in front of each door. One original, large chimney is positioned on the western inside-end, while a block outside-end stack is erected on the northeastern corner of the kitchen. The cellarway is also located on the western embrasure.

The Interior

Some alterations have occurred here, but most of the older features of this building remain. The windows are still inset, beaded board trim abounds and the thick plaster walls are intact. Apparently, the ceiling was lowered when the upper floor was finished over, which is accessable via a circular stairwell. The one fireplace in the main room has since been covered over, but there is a brick one on the second floor.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land where this house is located was patented and settled by members of the first wave of settlers in the county, the Websters. The tract was called Best Endeavor and was patented by Thomas Lytlefoot in 1686. Isaac Webster, whose father John emigrated from Virginia, established himself in this area in the mid-1700's, owning a great deal of land and having an interest in the Bush gristmill and iron works. He was a signer of the 1775 Bush Declaration. The 1783 Tax List shows James Webster as owning 250 acres of Best Endeavor. The house was constructed by a Webster, possibly James, in the last quarter of the Eighteenth Century. It is unique in it's Pennsylvania Dutch-style architecture, and also in the fact that the exterior has yet to be extensively changed since the initial construction. The dwelling remained in the Webster family until 1908-another ique facet. (The Martenet Map of 1878 shows Richard Webster as being the owner.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798
Harford County Land Records
Martenet's Map of 1878
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.
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Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Baltimore.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15.8

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The land and the house are located directly on the eastern side of Creswell Road, about 0.2 miles south of the intersection with Shuck's Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Paul L. Penrod / site surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	July 30, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	267-1212
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	478	308	Ira Wilmoth sold James Fielder 15.8 acres in 1957.
GCB	286	446	Emil Stroterhoff conveyed the property to Ira Wilmoth in 1945.
GCB	282	51	Emil Stroterhoff acquired the tract from Edwin M. Caudill in 1944.
MEWR	253	135	Phillip H. Close sold 200 acres to Edwin M. Caudill in 1938.
JAR	166	294	Francis W. Little transferred the property to Adam J. and William C. Keithley.
WSF	125	109	William H. Harlan and J. Edwin Webster, trustees, sold the tract to Francis W. Little in 1908.
Will	WSR 9	25	Richard E. Webster obtained the land from Noah Webster in 1870.
HD	25	189	Richard Webster sold a tract called Best Endeavor to Noah Webster in 1841. The deed mentions that this parcel had long been held by the Webster family.
HD	U	176	1. Thomas Downing sold 398 acres of Best Endeavor to Richard, Thomas, Isaac and Joseph Webster in 1811. There are no concrete deeds before this one, but this deed does mention that the previous owners were Websters.
JLG	N	384	2. Isaac Webster conveyed 50 acres of Best Endeavor to Richard Webster in 1797.
JLG	K	147	In 1788, Samuel Webster (tanner) Conveyed to Isaac Webster and J. L. Webster Best Endeavor, given to Samuel by Isaac Webster, Sr.

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Snake Run

Calvary Ch

Calvary Ch

James Run

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Churchville, MD
Paul Penrod 6/76
Southeast



Fielder Tenant House HA-533

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West